

(b) Affirms, reverses, or modifies the initial determination.

§ 417.656 Notice of reconsidered determination.

(a) HCFA gives the parties written notice of the reconsidered determination.

(b) The notice—

(1) Contains findings with respect to the HMO's or CMP's qualifications to enter into a contract with HCFA under section 1876 of the Act;

(2) States the specific reasons for the reconsidered determination; and

(3) Informs the party of its right to a hearing if it is dissatisfied with the determination.

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§ 417.658 Effect of reconsidered determination.

A reconsidered determination is final and binding on all parties unless a request for a hearing is filed in accordance with § 417.662 or it is revised in accordance with § 417.692.

§ 417.660 Right to a hearing.

The following parties are entitled to a hearing:

(a) An entity that has been determined in a reconsidered determination to be unqualified to enter into a contract with HCFA under section 1876 of the Act.

(b) An HMO or CMP that has been determined in a reconsidered determination to be qualified only for a reasonable cost contract.

(c) An HMO or CMP whose contract with HCFA has been terminated or has not been renewed as a result of an initial determination as provided in § 417.640(c).

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§ 417.662 Request for hearing.

(a) *Method and place for filing a request.* A request for a hearing must be made in writing and filed by an authorized official of the entity or HMO or CMP that was the party to the determination under appeal. The request for a hearing must be filed with any HCFA office.

(b) *Time for filing a request.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, a request for a hearing must be filed within 60 days after the date of receipt of the notice of initial or reconsidered determination.

(c) *Extension of time to file a request.* If good cause is shown, the 60-day period to request a hearing may be extended by HCFA.

(d) *Parties to a hearing.* The parties to a hearing must be—

(1) The parties described in § 417.660;

(2) At the discretion of the hearing officer, any interested parties who make a showing that their rights may be prejudiced by the decision to be rendered at the hearing; and

(3) HCFA.

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§ 417.664 Postponement of effective date of initial determination.

When a request for a hearing with respect to an initial determination is filed timely—

(a) The effective date of the initial determination to terminate a contract with an HMO or CMP will be postponed until a hearing decision is reached; and

(b) The current contract will be extended at the end of the contract period (in the case of a determination not to renew) only—

(1) If HCFA finds that an extension of the contract will be consistent with the purpose of section 1876 of the Act; and

(2) For such period as HCFA and the HMO or CMP agree.

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§ 417.666 Designation of hearing officer.

HCFA designates a hearing officer to conduct the hearing. The hearing officer need not be an ALJ.

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§ 417.668 Disqualification of hearing officer.

(a) A hearing officer may not conduct a hearing in a case in which he or she is prejudiced or partial to any party or